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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJ: DISSATISFACTION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS OVER DELINQUENT
AID BILLS

REF ABIDJAN 8338

1. BOTH USAID CONTRACT FREIGHT FORWARDERS IN COTONOU ARE NOW
COMPLAINING ABOUT SLOWNESS OF PAYMENTS. THIS MIGHT BE THE
APPROPRIATE TIME EXPLORE THE SUGGESTION MADE PARA 2 REFTEL
THAT A CONFERENCE BE ARRANGED WITH FREIGHT FORWARDERS IN THIS
AREA TO DISCUSS ENTIRE PROCESS OF PAYMENTS. ALTERNATIVELY,
REDSO COULD SEND CONTRACT OFFICER TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY WITH
FREIGHT FORWARDERS. LATTER COURSE WOULD BE CHEAPER TO USG AS
WELL AS LESS INCONVENIENT AND MORE COURTEOUS TO FORWARDERS WHO,
AFTER ALL, ARE THE COMPLAINANTS.

2. FOR LAGOS: SOCOPAO REPORTS THEY HAVE NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED
PAYMENT FOR AFRICAN METEOR SHIPMENT OF ICSM. THEY SUBMITTED
THEIR BILL 6 SEPT. SOCOPAO POINTED OUT CLAUSE IN CONTRACT
(REDSO/WA 75-38 PART III CLAUSE 2G) QUOTE IN THE EVENT ANY
PAYMENT IS NOT MADE TO THE CONTRACTOR WITH THE 45 DAY PERIOD
SPECIFIED ABOVE (I.E. 45 DAYS FROM DATE OF DOCUMENTS SUB-
MITTED TO US HERE) THE PARTIES HERETO SHALL MEET AFTER THE FINAL
SHIPMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE AN EQUITABLE

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ADJUSTMENT TO THE TOTAL PAYMENT MADE TO THE CONTRACTOR UNQTE.

WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT PARIS MAIL STRIKE IS PROBABLY CAUSE OF
DELAY IN PAYMENT, BUT SOCOPAO DOES NOT CONSIDER OUR SUGGESTION
TO BE AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE.
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